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H. RES. 469

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 27, 1996

Mr. BAKER of California (for himself, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. LIPINSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on International Relations

RESOLUTION

To commend the patriotic citizens of Remy, France, who honorably buried Lieutenant Houston Braly after his heroic attack on a German munitions train on August 2, 1944.

Whereas on August 2, 1944, a squadron of P-51s from the 364th Fighter Group, strafed a German munitions train in Remy, France;

Whereas the resulting explosion killed Lieutenant Houston Braly, one of the attacking pilots, and destroyed much of the village of Remy, including 7 stained glass windows in its 13th century church;

Whereas despite threats of reprisals from the occupying German authorities, the citizens of Remy recovered Lieuten-

ant Braly's body from the wreckage, buried his body with dignity and honor in the church's cemetery, and decorated the gravesite daily with fresh flowers;

Whereas the surviving members of the 364th Fighter Group desire to express their gratitude not only to the brave citizens of Remy but to all the people throughout the occupied nations in World War II who assisted downed airmen;

Whereas to express their gratitude, the surviving members of the 364th Fighter Group raised funds, through "Windows for Remy", to restore the church's stained glass windows which had been replaced with plain glass windows; and

Whereas on Armistice Day, 1995, the village of Remy renamed the crossroads near the site of Lieutenant Braly's death in his honor: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the bravery and honor demonstrated
- 2 by the citizens of Remy, France, be commended, and that
- 3 the efforts of the surviving members of the 364th Fighter
- 4 Group to raise funds to restore the church's stained glass
- 5 windows be recognized.

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